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 Sup't. Phila Belpheir Mint,  
 Dear Sir:-

I have in my possession an old copper cent which was found, this spring, in a plowed field upon the historic "Sixty Notch," in Perry Co. Pa. The following is a description. One side contains the bust of a lady, with flowing hair, above which is the word "Liberty," and underneath, an olive branch, and the date, 1792. The other side contains "The United States of America," and a wreath enclosing the words, "One cent." On the outside are the words, "one hundred for a dollar."

What I wish to know is, were any  
 monies cast or coined for the  
 "United States of America" prior  
 to their independence? This  
 Cent is dated 1799, and marked  
 "United States of America," and the  
 states became united only in  
 or near 1778. Could you throw  
 any light up on that which is  
 to me, a mystery? And if so,  
 do you know if there is a pre-  
 mium upon such a coin?  
 Any information upon the sub-  
 ject will be highly appreciated  
 by yours respectfully,

Chas. S. Arnold,  
 #7 Canal Locks, Wm's Port,  
 Pa.



NARA RG104, Entry 1, Box 152

Wms. Port, Pa.,  
June 4, 1888  
Supt. Philadelphia Mint,

Dear Sir: -

I have in my possession and old copper cent which was found, this spring, in a plowed field up on the historic "Girtys Notch", in Perry Co., Pa. The following is a description one side contains the bust of a lady with flowing hair, above which is the word "Liberty", and underneath, an olive branch, and the dates, 1722. The other side contains "The United States of America", and a wreath inclosing the words, "One Cent" on the outside are the words, "One hundred for a dollar".

What I wish to know is, were any monies cast or coined for the "United States of America" prior to their independence? This cent is dated 1722, and marked "United States of America", and the states became united only in or near 1776. Could you throw any light upon that which is to me, a mystery? And if so, do you know if there is a premium upon such a coin? Any information upon the subject will be highly appreciated by yours respectfully,

John S. Arnold  
#7 Canal Lock, Wms. Port, Pa.